

To: Way, Steven[way.steven@epa.gov]
From: Todd Hennis
Sent: Wed 7/30/2014 1:26:17 AM
Subject: Re: Upper Animas / Cement Ck - Access Request 2014

Steve-

I am rushing to get on a plane at 12:30 am tonight. I will be back August 7th. I will get this processed then.

Todd

On Tuesday, July 29, 2014 5:27 PM, "Way, Steven" <way.steven@epa.gov> wrote:

Hello Todd,

Attached are the transmittal letter, access request form and the associated property list for which EPA is requesting your consent for access. In addition to the properties identified on the access request form that you have previously seen, the attached list of properties is provided to ensure we have your consent to access during water sampling events. This is the information that Paula Schmitt diel was attempting to provide for that purpose.

We have consolidated the access request into one form to address the Gold King mine work and the other investigative work for the Cement Ck and Upper Animas drainages with respect to the properties in which you have an interest. The Gold King Mine – 7 level adit portal rehabilitation is projected to begin on September 3. Our goal will be to remove the ground collapse behind the existing adit closure drain-pipe, construct the new portal and install appropriate ground support. This work will potentially go as far back as 100 feet in by of the opening depending on ground conditions.

Finally, with respect to the San Juan County – Land Use Permit form the following information is what I would suggest be added for the Gold King Mine 7 – Level work:

Description of Use:

The work planned for the Gold King Mine – 7 Level includes two phases. Phase 1 will include road improvements to allow access to the 7-Level adit this includes grading and placing appropriate fill and surfacing material. In addition, the top of the dump will be graded to improve storm-water run-on and run-off controls.

Phase 2 work will include preparing the site for opening of the collapsed adit and constructing a portal and associated ground support within the adit. The work onsite will include managing the mine water and controlling sediment release during operations.

The above described work is being performed as part of an EPA CERCLA

response action.

Phase 1: Road work will be performed by the land owner and is scheduled for

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Phase 2: Adit portal construction and related underground work, and water management is scheduled to begin September 3, 2014 with mobilizing equipment and crews. It is estimated that 3 weeks will be required to complete the work. This work will be performed by EPA. (Contact person: Steven Way, EPA – 303-886-1640 or Matt Francis, Env Restoration – 303-994-6611)

If you have questions about the attached access request or the above information for the County Land Use form, please contact me. Thank you for your cooperation with this effort.

Sincerely,
Steve

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